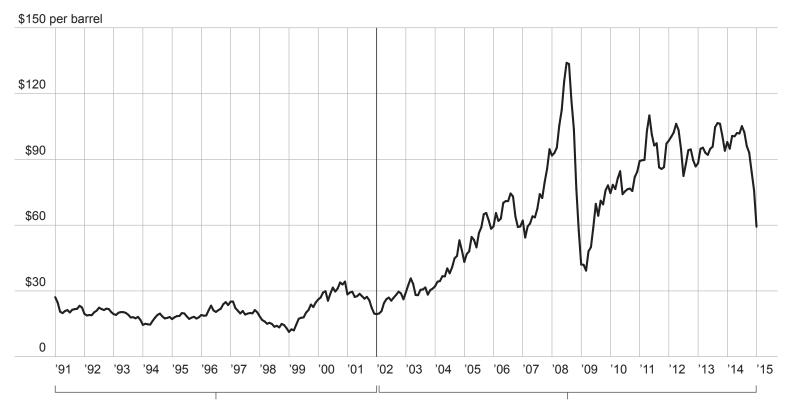
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Average Monthly Oil Futures Market Prices, 1991-2014



From 1991 to 2001, monthly average oil prices ranged from \$11.31 to \$34.26 per barrel.

Since 2001, monthly average oil prices have varied more widely, from \$19.73 to \$134.02 per barrel.

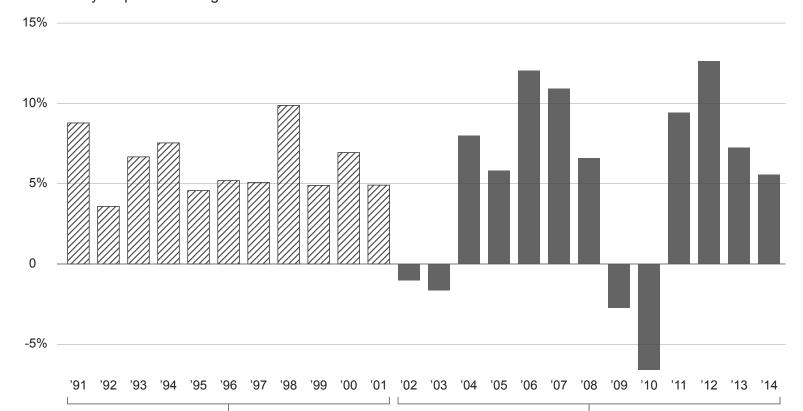
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



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Increased Volatility in Sales Taxes

Year-over-year percent change in collections.



From 1991 to 2001, sales taxes grew every year, but never by 10 percent or more.

From 2002 to 2014, revenues from sales taxes declined four times and grew by more than 10 percent three times.

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts



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Revenue Available for General Purpose Spending 2016-2017 Fiscal Biennium

Amounts in Billions

Beginning Balance	\$7.5
PLUS General Revenue-Related Collections	\$110.4
LESS Reserved for Transfers to Economic Stabilization Fu	nd (\$2.5)
LESS Reserved for Transfers to State Highway Fund	(\$2.5)
Revenue Available for General Purpose Spending*	\$113.0

Total does not sum due to rounding.

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts



^{*} General Revenue-related funds available for certification.

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Nonfarm Employment Change in 10 Largest States

Net change from January 2008 - November 2014

